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The Honorable Catherine C. Blake
United States District Judge
U.S. District Court
For the District of Maryland
U.S. Courthouse
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

RE: *American Sugar Refining Co., Inc. v.*
M/V ALIANA PRINCESS
Civil Action No.: CCB-03-CV-329

Dear Judge Blake:

In accordance with the Courts paperless Order of May 19, 2004, we submit the sixth 60 day status report in this case.

Defendant's counsel has made a settlement offer which is currently under consideration by the plaintiff.

Plaintiff's counsel hopes to respond shortly to this offer so that a settlement can be made and the case can be concluded.

We will update the Court as to status on Wednesday, June 29, 2005, or before if a settlement is reached in this case.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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